GERMAAY'S PEACE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS ARE TURNED DOWN BY GREAT BRITAIN: PARLIAMENT STIRRED BY PREMIER'S SPEECH

London, Dec. 19.—The announcement in the House of Commons today by David Lloyd George, the new prime minister, that the first act of his administration was the rejection of the proposal of the Central Powers for a peace conference constituted one of the meet meet mean transfer of the meet meet mean transfer of the meet mean transfer of the meet meet mean transfer of the meet meet mean transfer of the mean tr

for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest Parliamentary veterans had ever witnessed.

The new premier declared that before the Allies could give favorable consideration to such an invitation they must know that Germany was prepared to accede to the Allies' terms, "giving complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees" and to enter a conference upon the invitation of Germany, proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of what proposals she proposes to make, into a conference is to put our heads into a noose with the rope end in the hans of Germany.

Not Without Experience.

"This country is not altogether without experience in these matters. This is not the first time we have fought a great military despotism overshadowing Europe, and it won't

with even stronger words and almost the same moment Earl Curzon was informing the Lords that the government would enter no conference that did not guarantee for Europe the free ever upon the liberties of Euroe. and independent existence of nations great and small. The Marquis of Crewe affirmed the approval of the members of the late government.

"Examples of this kind cause us to regard this note with a considerable measure of reminiscent disquist.

The Only Terms.

members of the late government.

An Important Day.

The day was a doubly important one for the Commons because the new premier unfolded his program for wide reaching war measures and Mr. Asquith closed the last chapter of his nine years of leadership with an accounting of his war stewardship.

The principal feature of Mr. Lloyd George's program is a measure for national service, matching Germany's latest scheme whereby every citizen will be liable for enrollment to perform work for which the authorities consider him best equipped.

Premier's Speech.

Rising in the House o few minutes after 4 o'clock, the prime minister Rising in the House of few minutes after 4 o'clock, the prime minister said:

"I appear before the House of Commons today with the most terrible "The very substant and style of the speech constitute a denial of peace on the only make the is not even the constitute of the speech constitute and style of the speech constitute and st

was ever engaged, a war upon the events of which its destiny depends. It is the greatest war ever waged; the burdens are the heaviest that have been cast upon this or any other country and the issues the gravest that have been atached to any confliet in which humanity was ever in-

"The responsibilities of the new government have been suddenly ac-centuated by the declaration made by the German chancellor. The state-ment made by him in the Reichstag has been followed by a note presented by the United States without note or comment. The answer given by this government will be given in full accord with all our allies.
Allies in Harmony.

"Naturally there has been an interchange of views, not upon the note, ecause it has only recently arrived, but upon the speech which impelled it, and as the note itself is practically only a reproduction or a para-phrase of the speech, the subject matter of the note itself has been dis-cussed informally between the Allies. I am glad to be able to state that w each separately and independently

arrived at dentical conclusions. "I am very glad that the first answer given to the statement of the German chancellor was given by France and Russia. They have the unquestionable right to give the first answer to such an invitation. enemy is still on their soil and their sacrifices have been the greater.

"The answer they have given has already appeared in the papers and I simply stand here to give clear and definite support to the statement they

have already made.

Terrible Responsibility. "Any man or set of men who want

only or without sufficient cause pro-longed a terrible conflict like this would have on his soul a crime that beeans could not cleanse. On the other hand, it is equally

true that any men or set of men who from a sense of weariness or despair abandoned the struggle without echieving the high purposes for which weentered by any statesman. I should that the whole root and cause of this section to any material extent. Ample warning had been given and committee having measures were taken to protect the more tender vegetation endangered. Miss Fannie Weaver.

Not Without Experience.

"This country is not altogether without experience in these matters. This is not the first time we have fought a great military despotism overshadowing Europe, and it won't be the first time we nave helped to overthrow a military despotism. We have an uncomfortable historical No Terms Stated.

Mr. Lloyd George asserted that at the moment Germany was penning the note, assuring her convictions as to the rights of other nations she s dragging Belgians into slavery. He announced that the note presented through Washington contained no proposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor Von Bethmannproposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech and that the Allies had separately concluded to reject it, although they had informally expended views and would within a few days present a joint reply.

Mr. Asquith, the former premier, seconded Mr. Lloyd George's decision with even stronger words and almost

"Our ancestors were taken in once, and bitterly they and Earope rued it. The time was devoted to reorganiz-

The Only Terms.
"We feel that we ought to know, before we can give favorable consideration to such an invitation, thaht Germany is prepared to accede to the only terms on which it is possible peace can be obtained and maintained Asquith closed the last chapter of his nine years of leadership with an accounting of his war stewardship.

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Arthur Neville Chamberlain, mayor of Birmingham and a member of the famous family, whose energy and business capacity are rated high, will be director of the national service with civil and military directors responsible to him.

The province of his accounting of his war stewardship.

The principal feature of Mr. Lloyd cally been stated by all the leading statesmen of the Allies. They have been stated repeatedly here and outside. To quote the leader of the House of Lords last week!

"Reparation and guarantee against repetition, so there shall be no mistake, and it is important that there should be no mistake in a matter of life or death to millions."

"Let me repeat—complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees.

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with civil and military directors responsible to him.

The premier prefaced his review of the situation by the statement that Britons did their best in time of danger, that the country should be told unpleasant facts and that he would give, not a dark, but a stern view of the outlook.

"Did the German chancellor use a single phrase to indicate that he was prepared to accept such a peace? Was there a hint of restitution? Was there as suggestion of reparation? Was there an implication of any security for the future that this outrage on civilization would not again be perpetrated at the first proatable opportunity? tunity?

responsibility that can fall upon the shoulders of any living man as chief adviser of the crown, in the most gigantic war in which this country

"Not for an instant have they (the Central Powers) answered from ged; the conviction that respect of the that rights of other nations is not in any degree incompatible with their own rights and legitimate increasts.

"When did they discover this? Where was respect for the rights of ther nations in Belgium and Serbia? That was self-defense, menaced, I supose, by the overwhelming armies of Belgium. I suppose the Germans had been intimidated into invading Belgium by burning Belgian and villages, into massacreing thou-sands of the inhabitants, old and young, into carrying off the survivors into bondage. Yea, and they were carrying them into slavery at the very moment when this note was being written about their unswerving conviction as to the respect due to the rights of other nations.

England Would Know

"Are these outrages the legitimate interest of Germany? We must know. That is not a moment for peace. If excuses of this kin.l for palpable crimes can be put forward two and a half years after exposure by the grim facts, is there any guar antee that similar subterfuges will not be used in the future to overthrow any treaty of peace you may enter into with Prussian militarism? "The note and speech proves that they have not yet learned the alpha-bet of respect for the right of others.

"Without reparation peace is impossible. Are all these outrages against humanity on land and sea to be liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity? Germany leaves us to exact the damage for all future violence committed after the war. We must exact it now, so as not to leave such a grim inheritance to our chil

"Much as we all long for peace leeply as we are horrified with war this note and speech, which heralded it, do not afford us much encouragement to hope for an honorable and

lasting peace.

great bitterness, the arrogant spirit of the Prussian military caste, will not be as dominant as ever, if we patch up peace now? The very speech in which these peace suggestions are made resounds to the boast of Prussian military triumph. It is a long paean over the victory of Von Hindenburg. Hindenburg.

"We must keep a steadfast eye up-on the purpose for which we entered the war otherwise the great sacrifices we have been making will be in vain.
The German note states it was for
the defense of their existence and the
freedom of national development that the Central Powers were constrained to take up arms. Such phrases are intended to delude the German nation into supporting the dsigns of the

tion into supporting the dsigns of the Prussian military caste whoever wished to put an end to their national existeence or freedom of development. We welcome their development so long as it was on the paths of peace. "The Allies entered this war to defend Europe against the aggression of Prussian military domination, and having begun it, they must insist that the only end is the most complete effective guarantee against the possifective guarantee against the possibility of that caste ever again disturbing the peace of Europe. Prussia since she got into the hands of that easte has been a bad neighbor, arrogant, threatening, bullying, shifting her obundaries at her will and taking one fair field after another from her weaker neighbors an I and ing them to her own downings. ing them to her own dominions.

Disturbing Neighbor.

"With her belt ostentatiously full of weapons of offense and ready at a moment's notice to use them, she has always been an unpleasant, disturbing neighbor in Europe. She got thoroughly on the nerves of Europe; there was no peace near where she dwelt. It is difficult for those who are fortunate enough to live thousands of miles away what it has meant to those to live near

those to live near.

"Even here, with the protection of the broad seas between us, we know what a disturbing factor the Prussians were with their constant naval menace. But we can hardly realize what it meant to France and Russia. Several times there were threats di-rected against them even within the life of this generation, which presented the alternative of war or humiliation. There were many of us who hoped that the internal influence in Germany would be strong enough to check and ultimate; y to eliminate it.

it.

"Now that this great war has been forced by the Prassian leaders it would be folly not to see to it that this swashbackling through the streets of Europe and this disturbance of peaceful with here and now as the most scripts." with here and now as the most serious offense against the law of nations.
"We will wait until we hear what terms and guarantees the German

Government offer other than those, better than those, surer than those, which she so lightly broke. And meanwhile we shall put our trust in our unbroken army rather than in broken faith broken faith.

"For the moment I do not think it would be advisable for me to add anything upon this particular invitation. A formal reply will be delivered by the Allies in the course of the next few days."

fine steel.
"An absolutely new army!

men, new officers*****many perhaps never handled a weapon of war.

"They have faced the greatest army in the world, the greatest army the world has ever seen, the best equipped, the best index, and they have beaten, beaten them, beaten them "I have no doubt that the old Cabinate ware better adapted to awayington." inets were better adapted to navigate the parliamentary river, with its shoals and shifting sands, and perhaps, for a cruise in home waters. But a Cabinet of twenty-three was rather top-heavy for a gale. I do not say that this new craft is best adapted for parlimentary navigation, but I

am convinced that it is better for war "You can't have absolute equality in sacrifice. In war that is impos sible. But you can have equal readiness to sacrifice from all. hundreds of thousands who have given their lives; there are millions who have given up comfortable homes and exchanged them for daily communion with death. Multitudes have given up those whom they loved best. Let the nation as a whole place its com-forts, its luxuries, its indulgences, its elegances on the national altar. us proclaim during the war a national lent. The nation will be better and stronger for it mentally and morally

as well as physically.
"Our armies have driven the enemy out of the battered villages of France and across the devastated plains of Belgium. They might harl him across the Rhine in battered disarray. But unless the nation as a whole shoulders part of the burden of viewed to the control of the burden of the bur tory it won't profit by the triumph, for it is not what a nation says, but what it gives that makes it great."

Crops Not Damaged.

Tampa, Dec. 17 .- A minimum temperature of 39 degrees here yesterday morning failed to damage crops in section to any material extent.

GET SOLDIER BOYS HOME

Chief Executive Answers Petition From Charleston Mothers Con-cerning Soldier Lads.

IN TOUCH WITH WAR DEPT.

Believed Carolinians Will be Included in Next Order for Demobilization.

Columbia, Dec. 17.—"I am doing everything possible to insure early return of troops from border," said Governor Manning today in a tele-

lows: "Telegram referring to petition received. Please inform petitioners that I am doing everything possible that I am doing everything possible to insure early return of troops from border. I believe they will come soon but little or no hope of their return before Christmas. This would be hardly possible." Governor Manning has for some time been in touch with the War Department, looking to the early return of the South Carolina troops and it is the belief that the Carolinians will be included in the next orders for demobilization and muster out.

There is no desire on the part of

There is no desire on the part of There is no desire on the part of the Governor to have these men returned if there is any possibility of their services being needed to defend the nation's honor but since the danger of a fight seems to have passed on i the men apparently neld in camp for training Governor Manning feels that the need for their services at that the Leed for their services at home in their usual occupations is such that he is justified in asking for their early return. The Governor is seeking to have the four units re-turned together when the orders are issued. This matter is left larged. trined together when the orders are issued. This matter is left largely to the discretion of Gen. Funston, commanding general of the southern department at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. A large number of Christmas boxes have been prepared by the folks at home and forwarded to the South Carolinians at Ei Paso.

WILL MOVE TO ABBEVILLE

Manning People Regret Decision of Louis Levi,

Manning, Dec. 6.—It is a matter of regret to all the people of Man-ning that Louis Levi has decided to ning that Louis Levi has uccined to leave this, his native town, and to locate at Abbeville for the further concate at Abbeville for the business. Mr. cate at Abbeville for the further conduct of a mercantile business. Mr. Levi several weeks ago suffered heavy loss by the burning of his large stock of goods, but it is not understood that the fire was the prime reason for his decision to move from Manning. Mr. Levi is one of the younger sons of the late Moses Levi, the pioneer merchant, who located here when the town was laid out sixty years ago and who amassed a fortune and rais-Striking Sentences
The following are a few of the most striking sentences from the latter part of Mr. Lloyd George's speech:
"An absolutely new army! The old had done its duty and spent itself in the achievement of that great task. This is a new army. A year ago it was ore in the earth of Britain—yea, and or Ireland. It became iron, It has passed through the fiery furnace weeks will move to his new home. He will carry with him the best wishes of his host of friends aere, who feel of his host of friends here, who feel assured that he will prove a decided addition to the mercanthic life of Abbeville and that the family will be core than welcome to the old home Mrs. Levi.

It is understood that Mr. Levi has sold his handsome home in Manning to E. C. Horton, manager of the F. N. is understool that Mr. Levi has Wilson insurance agency.-Sumter

WILL FIGHT PROHIBITION

Paris-(Via London), Dec. 17.-The covernment's intention to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in France has trong opposition among the large vine and spirit dealers. The syndi-ate of wholesale merchants of Borleaux is sending a deputation to Paris to remonstrate with Premier Briand. A protest signed by a Paris syndicate of wine and spirit merch-ants declares that the proposed measire will have a serious effect upon agriculture, as well as the wholesale and retail dealers. As in the case of and retail dealers. As in the case of absinthe prohibited since 1915, demands are to be made for substantial indemnities if the new measures goes into effect.

CHARITY BALL.

There will be a charity ball given at the Central Warehouse next Tuesday night, for the purpose of raising money to buy baskets of goodies for the poor. The dancing will start at the poor. The dancing will start at the poor. The dancing will start at 8:30 o'clock, music furnished by Rex 8:30 o'clock, music furnished by Rex will be a charge of 10 cents for those that do not dance, and \$1.00 for those dancing. Capt. A. H. Breedin will lead the Old Virginia Reel. Square dancing as well as all of the new steps will be induged in. A special sipper will be given at the Central notel that evening from 6 to 9 o'clock for the same purpose, charges 50c per plate. Tickets now on sale at Huggins' Pharmacy, Dickson's Drug Store and Zeigler's Pharmacy. The committee having this affair in charge is Mrs. Archie Barron and Mice Fennie Wayner.

DASTARDLY MURDER COMMITTED AT DAVIS STATION ON MONDAY NIGHT SHUFORD WARD THE VICTIM

Governor Manning today in a telegram to his secretary, O. K. LaRoque, in response to the telegram sent to him yesterday advising him of the petition from the Charleston mothers. The telegram was sent by the Governor from Philadelphia where he is spending the day with relatives before going to New York, where he expects to spend Mongay and Tuesday on personal business. The telegram from Governor Manning indicates a hope on the part of the chief executive that he will be successful in securing the carly return of the Gour units of the South Carolina Guard now on the borzer.

The Governor's telegram is an follows: "Telegram referring to petitions received. Please inform petitioners" and actorated very to his house of Mr. Ward went over to his house in Canthy. A nephew of Mr. Ward went over to his house in this tracks would not have shoven. The cost did a clever pieze of trailing in this case, as they did not get there will see the murderer had gone and gave the alarm and in a few minutes a crowd congregated to witness this terrible traged to witness the traged to witness the alarm thouse after that hour did had he left there after that hour did had he left there after that hour this case, as they did not get there will see so long after the murdere had an in this case, as they did not get there will see so long after the mu in Clarendon County. A nephew of Mr. Ward went over to his house was evidence that Lawson got in a buggy and rode away. From all reports this negro bears a bad reputation around that community. Some few days ago he was arrested charged with selling whiskey, but managed to got bond and was made bear to got bond and was made bear to get bond, and was under bond when he committed this henious crime. It is said that he had tried to borrow money from several people around Davis Station, to leave on.

Mr. Ward being one he asked for a loan but was refused. loan, but was refused.

Mr. Ward is supposed to have had between three and four hundred dolbetween three and four hundred dol-lars in his house, and as this negro was familiar with the place, and knew he did not lock the doors at night, waited until he retired, and entered the house with robbery and murder in his heart. Mr. Ward's head was crushed with an axe, as the bloody axe was found in Law-son's yard, and showed signs of an attempt to wash the blood off.

When the dows carried the shorid

Last Monday night near Davis Station, supposedly at an early hour, Mr. Shuford Ward, a highly respected and hard working farmer, was murdered while he lay in bed asleep. This crime is one of the most cold-blooded and atrocious ever committed in Clarendon County. A nephew of Mr. Ward went over to his house since the afternoon before. However, in searching the place the officers found that all of his clothes were gone, and the fresh tracks in the yard was conclusive that he had been ground became frozen after midnight and had he left there after that hour his tracks would not have shown. The

the yard several times, the chase was given up, as the fresh buggy tracks given up, as the Lawson got in a sleep, not dreaming that there was sleep, not dreaming that there was such an uncivilized brute in the com-munity, and there crushed his skull, causing instant death, should be caught regardless of cost and given. without any elemency, the limit for such a crime.

Mr. Ward, we learn was a good man, a hard worker and tried to save what little he made. Now for the sake of getting a few dollars, he was slain and robbed.

Since the above was put in type Lawson has been captured. Policeman John Gamble of Davis Station and Rural Policeman Peavy were still on the watch for him, and when the train pulled into the station, they got on and found Lawson sitting by the stove in one of the coaches. Officer Gamble told him to consider himself under arrest, when he did Lawson got up with an iron bar in his hand, but before he could strike, Gamble knock-ed him down with his pistol and then he and Officer Peavy took him and When the dogs carried the sheriff to the house of Lawson, his wife was asked where he was, said she did not know, as she had not seen him down with his pistor and then he and Officer Peavy took him and brought him to Manning and placed him in jail. Lawson had sixty-nine dottars on his person when arrested.

Spring Street Church.

Sunday morning to a well-filled auditorium, the Rev. J. P. Inabnet preached his first sermon as pastor of the Spring Street Methodist church. Mr. Inabnet took for his text the third chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, sixth verse: "Then Peter said, silver and gold I have none; but such as I have I give thee."

The pastor pointed out that under the itinerant system of the Metho-dist Church, he had been sent by the recent South Carolina Conference to this pastorate; and under that system, like other ministers of the same faith, he had been accorded no voice in his appointment. However, he said he was certain that no mistake had been made, and he was glad of the opportunity of serving in this new field.

After reviewing the career of this historic church, Mr. Inabnet reminded his hearers of the fact that some of the greatest figures in South Carolina the greatest ngures in South Carbon Methodism had in the past served as pastors of the Spring Street Church. He stated, however, that it must be remembered that of all the millions of remembered that of all the millions of indo. They were to have been sent inhabitants of this globe, no two perto the electric chair Friday or Satsons were created alike. For that reason, he said, it should not be ex-For that urday. pected that he would be exactly like any of his predecessors, but in the language of his text, "Such as I have,

give thee. The members of the church are greatly pleased at the fact of having had Mr. Inabnet assigned to this charge, and a successful year for pasor and people seems fully assured. News and Courier.

PENNILESS MAN NOW MORGAN'S PARTNER

New York, Dec. 17 .- Thomas Cochran, president of the Liberty National Bank of this city, who came to New York from St. Paul virtually penniless sixteen years ago, will beome a partner in the firm of J. P.

Morgan & Co., on an announced tonight, announced for "promising young ton "discover-In search for "promising young men," Henry H. Davidson "discover-ed" Cochran and selected him to aid in a plan to reorganize the Astor Trust Company. His rise in financial circles was rapid after that.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

Directed by Recorder Harby When Witnesses Cannot Testify.

The first of the blind tiger cases called in the recorder's court as a re-sult of the recent raids on the tigers came up yesterday morning and a most unusual situation developed. Recorder Harby, Chief Sumter and Attorney J. H. Clifton, who is prosecuting the cases for the city were stumped which was going up was ed when L. W. McLemore, Esq., the attorney for the defense showed that the building had just been completed Saul Pringle and Dock Johnson, the two negroes who has worked up the cases for the city and who were the blown in near Dalzell and several city's witnesses, had been found guilty of larceny and were therefore in- bers .- Sumter Item.

FIRST SERMON BY NEW PASTOR capacitated from testifying in the case. Recorder Harby, after over-the case. Recorder Harby, after over-truling several motions of the defendance of the case. ant's attorney, directed the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty" against William Leonard, who was being tried on two counts for selling whiskey.

The disposition of the other case.

has not been decided yet, but it is possible that a pardon may be se-cured for the detectives so that they can testify in the other cases.—Sum

ASK FOR EARLY DEATH

Electrocution Set for Friday Changed to Tuesday.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. 17.-Two ouths sentenced to be executed at Sing Sing prison this week have volunturily shortened their lives by at least three days so that the grief of their relatives may be dulled as much as possible by Christmas, it was announced here tonight.

They are Stanley Millstein, 19 years old, of Utica, who killed a policeman, and Charles Kumrow, 20, who killed a tugboat captain in Particle. They were to have been sent

The youths sent Father Cashin, the prison chaplain, to Warden Moyer to request that they be executed Tuesday. To this, it was said, the warden assented, it being discretionary with him under the sentence of the court that merely stipulated the week in which the condemned youths were to be put to death.

No Ground for Clemency.

New York, Dev. 17.—Governor Whitmen stated tonight that he did not believe there was any ground for the exercise of executive elemency in the case of Stanley J. Millstein, the Utica youth, convicted of killing policeman and in whose behald Presi dent Wilson will be asked by humanitarians to intervene. He has been entenced to electrocution this wee-

The Governor also said that Mill-stein's guilt was not denied by those who sought to save him and that he was older than had been stated.

HAIL AND WIND DO DAMAGE

The wind and rain Monday after oon was accompanied by hall in the western and northern parts of Sumter county and portions of Lee county. The sterm clouds which passed over the city, the center of which was to the north of Sumter, was one of the blackest and most threatening threatening which has been seen here in a long time.

The ground was covered with hall in many sections of the county. At Mr. L. D. Jennings' place near Dal-zell, known as the Knox place, a new building which was going up blown down. The frame work and the entire structure was raze... At another place a negro's barn was